

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1 of which claims 1-4 and 9 read on;

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 7, of which claims 5-8 and 10 read on.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1, without traverse.

Claim(s) 1-4 and 9 are directed to the elected species.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard J. McGrath, Reg. No. 29,195, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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